22. Tamil as the medium of Education.

Deputy President.—Next resolution is that of Mr. Eachara Menon.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Since tabling this motion. the Director of Public Instruction has been kind enough to circularise that Tamil may be used. So, I don't move.

(*Hence the following resolution was deemed withdrawn:*—"*This Council recommends to the Government that Tamil may be made the medium of Education wherever necessary.*")

23. Supply of drinking water to certain villages.

Deputy President.—Resolution No. 23.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The motion is: "*This House do recommend to the Government that immediate steps be taken to supply fresh drinking water to the people of Chellanam, Andikadavu, Cheriyakadavu and Manacheri during the summer season.*"

Sir, the people of these places are put to great difficulty for want of good drinking water during the summer season, *i. e.*, during the months of Kumbham, Meenam and Medam. It is not a case of scarcity of water that these people are feeling. It is a case that they have no drinking water at all during the summer season. During the winter season these people manage by catching rain water. During the summer most of the people manage to get water from Kumbalanghi and Pallivirutti and the well-to-do people go to Alwaye with their families and live there for two or three months. Wells and tanks have been dug by the Panchayats to get drinking water, but this experiment has proved a failure because the place being narrow and surrounded by sea water on one side and backwater on the other, they cannot get good water even from the wells and tanks. Therefore, the only solution will be to sink some artesian wells in Pallivirutti or Kumbalanghi and take water to these two places by means of pipes.

Deputy President.—Artificial wells?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—That is in British Cochin.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is artesian.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Or water may be supplied as we are doing in Mattancheri or may be taken in boats and may be distributed to these people.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—How were they managing?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—They drink salt water. Well-to-do people can manage there by taking water from Kumbalanghi and Pallivirutti or very many go to Alwaye. It is the poor people that are put to difficulty. Something should be done to relieve these people.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I rise to second this proposition. It has been discussed and made a Party question, and we feel

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